



**A Service of Holy Communion**

April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

If you would like to receive more information about Trinity Church, please sign our guest book located near the entrance. Everyone is welcome to enjoy refreshments and conversation after worship.

Trinity Church is an Episcopal Church in the Diocesan Partnership of Western New York and Northwest Pennsylvania and is a part of the Anglican Communion which is based in England but found worldwide.

Cover image:  
"O Touch and See"  
Matt Lincoln, 2024

*This centering prayer is by John Philip Newell from Praying With The Earth.*

## **Welcome to Trinity's gathered community! We are together on-site and online!**

The people of Trinity Church gather around a table piled high with spiritual food, and there is a place for you and everyone at the table, whatever your religious practice may be. If you are at Trinity in person, know that this congregation supports anyone who wears a mask to reduce risk of infection. Please feel free to receive communion and participate in the service as fully as you want. **If you are watching the Facebook Live Stream, you may add comments, likes, etc. to the comment section at any time! If you are on-site, you can use your mobile device to join the Facebook Live Stream to connect with other worshippers in the comment section. Just make sure your volume is all the way down! WiFi internet access is publicly available. Use the "Trinity Open" network with the password "Welcome!"**

Trinity Church is a metropolitan house of prayer, a community of worship and spiritual inquiry, welcoming all people. Recognizing our common brokenness, yet rejoicing in the reconciling love of God through Jesus Christ, we nurture one another in our spiritual life together. This communal worship service is many things, including an offering of your prayers. You may light a candle on one of the candle walls at any time during worship as a tangible way to make that prayer offering, or if you are online, request a candle lighting in the comments, and someone on-site will light a candle on your behalf. If you are not on-site, rest assured that your presence online is felt and valued.

Children, with all their sounds and movements, are a welcome part of the gathering for worship. It is perfectly appropriate to keep your kids with you in the pew. If your baby or toddler would be happier being able to crawl around and play, there is a Kids' Corner in the back-right corner of the pews. It is an enclosed and safe space for small children (attended by their parents) to play quietly on the floor while staying in church. Additionally, there is a room in the back left corner of the church that has a rocking chair and a changing table where you can attend to your child's needs.

**Name tags** are not required, but they sure help! You'll find sticky tags and markers on a table in the red carpet area near the entrance.

### **PRELUDE**

"ADAGIO" BY T. ALBINONI

### **CENTERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

We wake to the forgiveness of a new day.

We wake to the freedom to begin again.

We wake to the mercy of the sun's redeeming light.

Always new,

always gift,

always blessing.

We wake to the forgiveness of this new day.

**Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

“Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest”

*In spirit or in body,  
the congregation  
stands to sing  
hymns.*

1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay,  
2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met; thou  
3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take, one  
4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee, who

*Ped.*

let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;  
at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:  
Church u - nit - ed in com - mun - ion blest;  
art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;

thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest in  
“This is my Bo - dy”; so thou giv - est yet: faith  
one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break, with  
then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see; be

thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.  
still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.  
all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.  
known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

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## FIRST READING

Acts 3:12-19

**W**hen Peter saw this, he addressed the people as follows: “Why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if we had made this person walk by our own power or holiness? You are Israelites, and it is the God of Sarah and Abraham, Rebecca and Isaac, Leah and Rachel and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified

*The Bible readings  
are taken from The  
Inclusive Bible: The  
First Egalitarian  
Translation by  
Priests for Equality.*

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*Nobody set out to write The Bible. The Hebrew Scriptures were created over many centuries by many people to record the Jewish People's experience of God. The same is true of the Christian Scriptures, some of which were letters written to a specific audience in response to specific needs—and were then found to be helpful to the faithful even after fulfilling their original purpose.*

*The Middle Reading fills the role of a Bible reading, but it doesn't come from the Bible. It is our way of trying to listen for God's ongoing word as it is spoken outside the limits of the Bible. Most often, we turn to contemporary poets for this reading.*

*Denise Levertov (1923 – 1997) was English born and emigrated to the US in 1947. Here she published more than 20 volumes of poetry. In the 1960s, Levertov was active in the anti-war movement in the United States. Additionally, she worked as a poetry editor for The Nation in the '60s and for Mother Jones in the '70s.*

Jesus — the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. You disowned the Holy and Just One and asked instead for the release of a murderer. You put to death the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead — a fact to which we are witnesses. It is the name of Jesus, and faith in it, that has strengthened the limbs of this one whom you see and know well. Such faith has given this beggar perfect health, as all of you can see.

“Yet I know, my sisters and brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did. God has brought to fulfillment by this means what was announced long ago by the prophets: that the Messiah would suffer. Therefore, reform your lives! Turn to God, that your sins may be wiped away.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ECHO

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his Name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his Name.

### MIDDLE READING

The world is  
not with us enough.

O taste and see

the subway Bible poster said,  
meaning The Lord, meaning  
if anything all that lives  
to the imagination's tongue,

grief, mercy, language,  
tangerine, weather, to  
breathe them, bite,  
savor, chew, swallow, transform  
into our flesh our  
deaths, crossing the street, plum, quince,  
living in the orchard and being

hungry, and plucking  
the fruit.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

“O TASTE AND SEE” BY DENISE LEVERTOV

## ECHO

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his Name.  
Come, let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Savior.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his Name.

## GOSPEL READING

LUKE 24:36-49

**W**hile they were still talking about this, Jesus actually stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." In their panic and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. Jesus said to them, "Why are you disturbed? Why do such ideas cross your mind? Look at my hands and my feet; it is I, really. Touch me and see. A ghost doesn't have flesh and bones as I do." After saying this, Jesus showed them the wounds.

They were still incredulous for sheer joy and wonder, so Jesus said to them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" After being given a piece of cooked fish, the savior ate in their presence. Then Jesus said to them, "Remember the words I spoke when I was still with you: everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the psalms had to be fulfilled."

Then Jesus opened their minds to the understanding of the scriptures, saying, "That is why the scriptures say that the Messiah must suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. In the Messiah's name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of all this. Take note: I am sending forth what Abba God has promised to you. Remain here in the city until you are clothed with the power from on high."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ECHO

"Hallelujah Changes"

Hal-le - lu\_\_\_\_ jah,\_\_\_\_ Hal - le lu\_\_\_\_ jah,\_\_\_\_ Hal - le -  
lu\_\_\_\_ jah,\_\_\_\_ Hal - le - lu\_\_\_\_ jah!\_\_\_\_

## SERMON

THE REV. JOHN SEIB

The Rev. John Seib is a priest from the Anglican Church in Canada who retired after serving the Episcopal Church in North Tonawanda. He and his wife Kathy Chase now live in Kenmore. They are both great friends of Trinity and frequent readers for the Trinity@7 service on Sunday evenings.

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

*It is customary (but not required) to stand for the Gospel reading because it symbolizes the mystical presence of Christ.*

*The four Gospels hold the core of Christian spiritual wisdom, reflecting the earliest stories and images of Jesus. Like all Scripture, they are not definitive prescriptions but narrative stories requiring endless interpretation.*

*The sermon invites your curiosity and thoughtfulness about the theme of worship, and is intended to evoke your thoughts rather than direct them. A recording of the sermon is posted to the parish website each week, usually by Tuesday.*

*In spirit or in body,  
please stand.*

*This affirmation,  
written by Matt  
Lincoln, is an  
adaptation of the  
Nicene Creed. Like  
the creed on which  
it is based, it is an  
expression of faith  
intended as a symbol  
of solidarity with  
other Christians  
throughout history  
but not as a pledge of  
allegiance required  
for membership.*

*Add your requests  
by scanning the  
QR code.*



*These prayers are  
an effort to pray  
with one voice even  
though we have a  
diversity of needs  
and hopes.*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We trust in God, who is the source of all creation, seen and unseen.**

**We trust that God's divine life is conceived by God and was born in the human form of Jesus, through his mother Mary.**

**In his life, death and resurrection, Jesus embodied God's self-giving love for the world and God's will to regenerate life, and to reclaim us from the oblivion of death.**

**We trust that the Spirit of God is present in this world, in our hearts, and within the community of faith, guiding us into all truth and inspiring us to love as we have been loved, to create as we have been created.**

**Amen.**

## COMMUNITY PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

We remember those for whom our prayers have been asked.

Jane Haenle - recovering from pneumonia at  
Brothers of Mercy

Barbara Deiotte, Jim Deiotte's sister  
- gratitude for return from hospital &  
continued prayers for full recovery

Jessica De Oliveira E Silva (Quinn) - battling  
stage 4 breast cancer

Regina O'Connor

Peter Mark Kooshoian

Bruce Nisbet - battling cancer

Jeff Watson, John and Catherine's son in law

Raymond Salamone - recovering from a  
work injury

Jack and Cody Pelc and their parents  
Celeste Richel

Margaret (Peggy) Rizzo - suffers from  
Alzheimer's

Alberta Virginia Campbell

Alphonso & Marcia O'Neil-White - health  
concerns

Harry Fackelman

Scott Howard and his wife Joanie in  
thanksgiving that he is now cancer-free

Kathy Jerzewski - a return of lymphoma

Regina Glaser - in her battle with cancer  
Betsy and Peter Curtis

We also pray for the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church as they prepare to elect their next presiding bishop, especially for the 4 bishops who have accepted nomination for that election, including our bishop, Sean.

Creating God, from the origin of our species, you fitted us with a grand vision for abundant life and community that most often exceeds our grasp: We bring before you today our desire for peace, our confession of neglect, and our promise to uphold the dignity of every human being. And we affirm our trust: **neither things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, can separate us from the love of God.**

Gracious God, your intimate presence and the depth of your love have the power to heal us: We bring before you today our grief and sorrow, our illness and wounds, our addictions and compulsions, and a host of needs we dread to mention. And we affirm our trust: **neither death, nor life, nor rulers, nor powers, nor anything else in all creation, will separate us from your love, O God.**

Life Giving God, we know that you have a dream for us, and that when we are living into it, the abundance of your grace is palpable: Grant us open hearts and open minds to know that what was old is being made new, what was locked away is being released, and what was cast down is being raised up. And we affirm our trust: **neither things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, can separate us from the love of God. Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Now would be a great time to add a comment to the Live Stream!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“IF WE BELIEVE THAT JESUS DIED” BY JOHN GOSS

*If we believe that Jesus died and rose again,  
Even so them also which sleep in Jesus  
Will God bring with Him.  
Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

*Your financial support is not only a practical necessity. It can also be a very meaningful symbolic gesture, expressing your gratitude for the blessings in your life and your hope for health in the world. You can place cash or a check in the collection plate when it is brought around during the offertory or [donate online here](#), or initiate an online donation by texting TRINITYBUFFALO to 73256. You can also get there by scanning this QR code:*



### SHARING THE OPEN TABLE

*All are welcome to receive Communion at Trinity Church. No Exceptions!*

All things come of thee, O Lord;

**and of thine own have we given thee.**

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Open your hearts.

**We open them to God and one another.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right and a good and joyful thing to live openly in the presence of God and one another as grateful people. Splendor and honor are yours God of all being, your power sustains, your endless love restores this broken world. Always present with us, **you bring patterns to the chaos, and fill our emptiness.** Resurrection brings the dawn of hope. The light of Christ kindles life in us, and leads us to walk in your light. **Your Holy Spirit is fire in us, your breath warms our hearts to love.** As children of your redeeming purpose, freed when Christ burst from the tomb, we offer you our praise with Angels and Archangels, and all the company of heaven, singing your eternal glory:

*This Eucharistic Prayer is adapted from Eucharistic Prayer IV, The Scottish Liturgy 1982 in the book Gleanings.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

*Sanctus from Deutsche Messe by Franz Peter Schubert.*

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est. Bless'd is the one who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

On the night before Jesus was given up to death, at supper with the disciples, Jesus took bread, offered thanks to you, broke it, gave it to his friends and said: **“Take, eat, this is my Body given for you.”** After supper, he took the cup, offered thanks, gave it to them and said: **“This is my Blood of the new Covenant poured out for you, and for all. Do this in remembrance of me.”**

In the first light of Easter, glory broke from the tomb, and the women’s sorrow changed to joy. In the garden Mary found the truth: the One whom they had loved and lost was restored to them in every place and for ever. And so we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,  
 Christ is risen,  
 Christ will come again.**

One in Christ, we offer you these gifts, and with them ourselves, a holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, merciful God: **send your Holy Spirit on us and on this bread and wine that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ; kindle in us the fire of your love, renew us for the service of your kingdom.**



Help us live and work in gratitude to you; that we may grow together in unity and love until, at last, in your new creation, we enter into the company of the apostles and prophets and of all our sisters and brothers, the living and the dead; through Jesus Christ by whom, with whom, and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours throughout all ages, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Now, as Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**Our Father,\* who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

**Were not our hearts burning within us as we walked along the road?**

## RECEIVING COMMUNION

*For those of you online, you are invited to have a morsel of bread and a sip of wine (or any substitutes you choose) during the time that communion is being shared.*

*For those in the building, you are invited to come forward and make a large circle around the perimeter of the open area, where you will be offered a morsel of bread dipped in wine. Please let the ministers of communion know if you prefer not to have your bread dipped in the wine. Also, let them know if you need a gluten-free wafer instead of wheat bread.*

## PRAYER FOR THE ROAD

Let us pray:

**Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and remembering the body of Christ,  
which has been broken for the life of the world.  
Now give us grace to trust that we are  
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed.  
Give us the courage to proclaim your love to the world,  
and to continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*We are following a pattern of going back and forth between using an alternative interpretation of the Lord's Prayer for a few weeks and then using the traditional Prayer Book version for a few weeks.*

*This version of the Lord's Prayer is what many of us grew up learning. It is also the version shared at the end of many 12 Step meetings. Although it is important to stay fresh and engaged by the words of our prayers, it is also important to be reminded that we as individuals are part of a great cloud of witnesses who have been inspired to turn to God in prayer throughout the ages.*

*\*Jesus revealed a new, personal sense of relationship with God by addressing God as something like "Papa." Always feel free to use your most meaningful name for God in saying the Lord's Prayer.*

*This blessing is based on the words of Henri Frederic Amiel (1821-1881).*

*In spirit or in body, the congregation stands to sing hymns.*

*Our spiritual practice is renewed as we leave here and begin again to work the promises of the covenant.*

## BLESSING

Life is short. We do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And may the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who animates and guides us be with you now and always. **Amen.**

## HYMN

“TASTE AND SEE”

Taste\_\_\_ and see. Taste\_\_\_ and see\_\_\_ the good - ness of\_\_\_ the

Lord.\_\_\_\_\_ Taste\_\_\_ and see. Taste\_\_\_ and see\_\_\_ the

Fine

good - ness of\_\_\_ the Lord,\_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord\_\_\_ at all times.\_\_\_\_\_ His

2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord\_\_\_ with\_\_\_ me.\_\_\_\_\_ To -

3. Wor - ship the Lord\_\_\_ all you peo - ple.\_\_\_\_\_

praise\_\_\_ shall al - ways be on my lips,\_\_\_\_\_ my

get - ther\_\_\_ let us all\_\_\_\_\_ praise His name.\_\_\_\_\_ I

You'll\_\_\_ want for noth - ing\_\_\_ if you ask.\_\_\_\_\_

soul\_\_\_ shall glo - ry\_\_\_ in the Lord;\_\_\_\_\_ for

called\_\_\_ the Lord and He an - swered me;\_\_\_\_\_ from

Taste\_\_\_ and see that\_\_\_ God is good;\_\_\_\_\_ in

D.C.

He\_\_\_ has been\_\_\_ so good to me.\_\_\_\_\_

all\_\_\_ my trou - bles He set me free.\_\_\_\_\_

Him\_\_\_ we need\_\_\_ put all our trust.\_\_\_\_\_

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace, rejoicing in the power of the resurrection! Alleluia, alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

“PRELUDE & FUGUE IN C” BY J.S. BACH

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## Volunteers Needed for Facet & Forge

We are looking for volunteers to help sell merchandise for Trinity at the Facet and Forge event on **April 27**. The event goes from 5pm to 9pm with setup @4:30pm. Contact Tim Lane [t.w.lane@outlook.com](mailto:t.w.lane@outlook.com) with questions or to sign up for a timeslot.



**Explore, create, and discover at Facet & Forge 2024.** Join us to celebrate the architectural details of Buffalo from an all-new perspective - You'll never look at Western New York the same way again!



**Learn** about Buffalo's preservation and trades, including the construction and preservation of Trinity's campus.



**See** professionals forging, melting, mosaicing, and creating glass in LIVE demonstrations!

**Create** your own mini fused glass window.



**Experience** Trinity's historic and original windows illuminated in a totally unique way.



**Get your tickets today!**

Saturday, April 27th  
5:00pm - 9:00pm  
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## TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Guest Officiant: The Rev John Seib  
Greeters: Susie Green, Phoebe McKay  
Readers: Shirley Hudders, Jeffrey Tooke, Jane Kearns  
Prayers: Joanne Dunnigan  
Announcements: Erickson Contreras  
Altar Servers: Ed Fries, Jeffrey Tooke, Jill Hilburger  
Guest musician: Matt Harris, saxophone  
Counters: Emily Carlin, Erickson Contreras  
Bakers: Susie Green, Joanne Dunnigan

## All services are in person AND online:

**Sunday @10:30am** In-person worship while live streaming on Facebook and YouTube. The Sunday online Live Stream service remains accessible as a video recording on Trinity's [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages after the service is over.

**Sunday @7:00pm** Featuring poetry and jazz, in person in the Chapel and on Zoom.

**Wednesday @Noon** Prayer and holy conversation, in person and on Zoom

**Thursday @7pm** The wisdom and fellowship of 12-Step recovery, in person and on Zoom

Email your request for a [link to the Zoom worship services here](#).